

THE COMMERCIAL.—ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT.

This we may say was the first season that Manitoba entered upon an export trade in dairy goods. The few shipments made previous to this year were of a spasmodic nature. This year a regular export trade was entered upon, in addition to the usual trade with British Columbia, where considerable Manitoba butter has been consumed for some years. It is therefore with keen interest that the people awaited the verdict passed upon our goods in the markets to which they were sent. As may have been supposed, opinions as to quality of our product differ widely, the quality no doubt having been irregular. While some lots were highly spoken of, others were subjected to much criticism. As regards butter, many shipments of creamery goods from Manitoba were highly spoken of, but probably more fault was found with our cheese. The general result was perhaps quite as favorable as could have been expected for the first season. Some factories, both in butter and cheese, evidently produce fine goods, thus proving that the country is adapted to the manufacture of fine goods, where skill and proper appliances are used. Other factories are known to produce a poor article, indicating that something is lacking in their management. There is no class of goods in which fine quality is so necessary as in dairy products, and it is to be hoped that those factorymen who were shown to be deficient, will make an effort to retrieve themselves this year,

PROGRESS OF THE YEAR.

Manitoba, we may say, had a regular boom last year in the establishment of dairy factories. The number of butter factories was more than doubled, nineteen creameries having been reported in operation last season, no less than twelve of these having been new factories. Of cheese factories fifty-four were reported in operation, about twenty-five of these having been new factories. There were also a few private dairies not included in these lists. Most of the factories are operated on the co-operative plan. The output of the various factories varied from 200 pounds to 1000 pounds per day. A number of the new factories were not in very good shape for manufacturing last season, as they did not get started until late in the season and were without a supply of ice. Next season the new factories will be able to do better work and make a larger output.

Following is the official estimate of production for the season of 1895 :

Cheese.—1,553,192 pounds, sold at an average price of 6.9 cents per pound.

Butter.—Creamery only—529,812 pounds, sold at an average price of 16.16 cents per pound at the factories.

These figures do not include dairy goods made in private dairies or by farmers. A little cheese is made by farmers, besides a large quantity of butter. The quantity of dairy butter made by farmers in Manitoba is estimated at about 1,250,000 pounds. This would be over and above their home requirements. These figures for both factory and private make, are for Manitoba alone, and do not include the territories, where quite a number of factories have also been established during the past year.

At present a movement is on foot to establish a dairy exchange in Winnipeg. This is another feature which shows the growing importance of the industry. The object is to have a cold storage warehouse here, to which the factories and country dealers could send their goods, and sales could be held at stated intervals to dispose of the goods. One advantage to be derived from

this plan would be to encourage factorymen and country dealers to ship their goods promptly. In the past one of the worst features of the dairy trade here has been the tendency on the part of factorymen and country dealers to hold their stocks, until the quality was impaired, the accommodation for holding goods at the factories or in country stores being generally very poor.

Following is a list of creameries or butter factories in Manitoba, with their post office address :

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Birtle.....	Birtle.
Douglas.....	Douglas.
Foxwarren.....	Foxwarren.
Hamiota.....	Hamiota.
La Borderie.....	La Borderie.
Minnedosa.....	Minnedosa.
Manitou.....	Manitou.
Macdonald.....	Portage la Prairie.
Ninga.....	Ninga.
Newdale.....	Newdale.
Oak Lake.....	Oak Lake.
Rapid City.....	Rapid City.
Stonewall.....	Stonewall.
Shoal Lake.....	Shoal Lake.
Gladstone.....	Gladstone.
St. Francois Xavier.....	St. Frs. Xavier.
Russel (Barnardo).....	Russell.
North Norfolk.....	McGregor.
Pilot Mound.....	Pilot Mound.

Following is a list of cheese factories in Manitoba, with their post office address :

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Alexander.....	Alexander.
Arrow River.....	Beulah.
Brandon Hill.....	Brandon.
Baldur.....	Baldur.
Beulah.....	Beulah.
Blumenort.....	Chortitz.
Binscarth.....	Binscarth.
Carberry.....	Petrel.
Cartwright.....	Cartwright.
Deloraine.....	Deloraine.
Fannystelle.....	Fannystelle.
Headingly.....	Headingly.
Hochstadt.....	Hochstadt.
Jolys.....	Winnipeg.
Jolys.....	Jolys.
Killarney.....	Killarney.
Lauder.....	Lauder.
Lone Tree.....	Lone Tree.
Lorette.....	Lorette.
Lorette.....	Lorette.
Meadow Lea.....	Meadow Lea.
Marquette.....	Marquette.
Minnedosa.....	Minnedosa.
Napinka.....	Napinka.
Oak River.....	Oak River.
Otterburne.....	Winnipeg.
Poplar Point.....	Poplar Point.
Royal.....	Royal.
Portage Creek.....	Portage la Prairie.
Russell.....	Russell.
St. Jean.....	St. Jean.
St. Jean.....	St. Jean.
St. Pastache.....	St. Eustache.
St. Malo.....	St. Malo.
St. Francois Xavier.....	Winnipeg.
Ste. Anne.....	Winnipeg.
Ste. Agathe.....	Winnipeg.
Starbuck.....	Starbuck.
Silver Plains.....	
Strathclair.....	Strathclair.
Steinbach.....	Steinbach.
Somers-et.....	Somers-et.
Union Point.....	Ste. Agathe.
Virden.....	Virden.
St. Norbert.....	St. Norbert.
Hochstadt.....	Hochstadt.
Langley.....	Clarkleigh.
Lake Manitoba.....	The Mission.